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TAGS: UNESCO, AORG
SUBJECT: US PROPOSAL FOR DUE PROCESS INVESTIGATIVE
MECHANISM: MEETING WITH DG M'BOW

1. M'BOW GRANTED APPOINTMENT TO PERMREP AFTERNOON,
APRIL 21. WE SOUGHT OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE WITH DG PRO-
POSED US STATEMENT BEFORE 102 ND BOARD. AS EXPECTED, BY
NOW M'BOW HAD BEEN INFORMED BY KABORE AND NAJMAN OF OUR
PLANS. HE EXPRESSED NO SURPRISE OR CONCERN AT OUR
PROPOSAL TO MAKE THE STATEMENT. HE SIMPLY SUGGESTED
THAT WE AVOID MAKING ANY DIRECT REFERENCE TO "POLITICAL"
CONTROVERSIES. WE ASSURED M'BOW THAT OUR PLAN WAS
FLEXIBLE AND THAT WE INTENDED TO MAKE A LOW KEY AND
POSITIVE STATEMENT SUGGESTING A MECHANISM FOR DIFFUSING
PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY GOT TO THE GOVERNING BODIES OF
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UNESCO. WE POINTED TO HIS FREQUENT USE OF WISEMEN
FOR SOLVING CONTENTIOUS PROBLEMS AND SUG-
GESTED THAT THIS DEVICE WAS A GOOD ONE WHICH COULD BE
EXPENDED ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED IN OUR INITIATIVE.
M'BOW SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE WISEMEN'S GROUP ON
THE RACISM ISSUE AND HE EXPECTED TO KEEP THIS ISSUE
FOCUSED ON RACISM, PARTICULARLY SOUTHERN AFRICA AND NOT

LET IT GET INTO OTHER AREAS.

2. WE THEN SUGGESTED TO M'BOW THAT THE SECRETARIAT, UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, COME FORWARD WITH A PLAN TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A PROCEDURE TO KEEP DOWN POLITICAL CONFLICTS. M'BOW SAID THAT HE WOULD LISTEN TO OUR PROPOSITION AND REFLECT ON THE PROBLEM. HE SAID IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE SECRETARIAT TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS AT A LATER DATE.

3. M'BOW SAID HE EXPECTED THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING TO BE CALM ALTHOUGH HE EXPECTED SOME PROBLEMS FROM THE CUBANS AND THE SOVIETS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. HE SAID HE EXPECTED THEY WOULD TRY TO LESSEN UNESCO'S ROLE. M'BOW SAID THAT HE HAD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS MADE DEMARCHES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA IN HUMAN RIGHTS CASES ON BEHALF OF VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE DETAINED. HE SAID THAT HE HAS A CONSTANT LIST OF REQUESTS FOR HIM TO HELP PEOPLE. M'BOW SAID HE TAKES HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS SERIOUSLY AND WOULD LIKE FOR UNESCO TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM WHICH WOULD REACH YOUNG CHILDREN IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO MAKE THEM AWARE AT AN EARLY AGE OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. WE THEN INFORMED M'BOW OF THE VISIT OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TOUSSAINT. M'BOW WAS PLEASED AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HOST A SMALL PRIVATE LUNCHEON FOR TOUSSAINT. M'BOW ASKED THAT WE KEEP IN TOUCH WITH HIM TO ARRANGE AN APPROPRIATE TIME.

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5. WE THEN ASKED M'BOW FOR HIS THOUGHTS ON THE JERUSALEM SITUATION. HE SAID THAT HE HAD TALKED WITH GOI PERMREP JOFFE AND HAD ENCOURAGED JOFFE TO SPEAK WITH HIM AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE. WE ASKED M'BOW ABOUT POSSIBLE ACTIONS SINCE THE EXCAVATIONS HAVE REPORTEDLY CEASED. M'BOW SAID HE STILL INTENDS TO SEND LEMAIRE AFTER THE MAY ELECTIONS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO A POSITIVE REPORT. ON THE SUBJECT OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF CESSATION OF THE DIGS, M'BOW SAID HE REALIZED THAT IT WAS PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE GOI TO MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT. HE SAID HE WAS TOYING WITH THE IDEA THAT HE WOULD MAKE THE STATEMENT THAT THE EXCAVATIONS HAD CEASED AND SIMPLY ASK THE GOI TO CONFIRM WHAT HE HAD SAID. HE DID NOT KNOW IF THIS WOULD WORK OUT, BUT IT WAS A POSSIBILITY. M'BOW THEN SAID THAT HE HOPED TO MAKE A POSITIVE REPORT TO THE SEPTEMBER EXBD. WE THEN ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD CONSIDER LIFTING SANCTIONS HIMSELF.

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M'BOW SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT ACT WITHOUT CONSULTING THE BOARD. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO TEST THE WATER. M'BOW SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A VOTE BY THE BOARD, BUT HE WAS THINKING OF POSSIBILITY VOTING ON HIS REPORT RATHER THAN HAVING A SEPARATE RESOLUTION. A VOTE ON HIS REPORT, HE HOPED MIGHT SUFFICE, BUT HE COULD NOT BE CERTAIN NOW. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID HE MUST HAVE ALL THE FACTS AND THIS DEPENDS ON THE LEMAIRE VISIT AND NO OTHER EXCAVATIONS BEING STARTED.

6. M'BOW THEN COMMENTED ON THE FLORENCE JOURNALIST MEETING AND HOPED THAT IT WOULD HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT. HE SAID HE COULD NOT ATTEND, BUT THAT MRS. M'BOW WAS IN FLORENCE AND WOULD ATTEND THE MEETING.

7. COMMENT: M'BOW DID NOT MENTION OUR CONTRIBUTIONS
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AND THIS SEEMS TO BE A SETTLED ISSUE FOR THE MOMENT
WITH US. HE WAS RELAXED AND DID NOT SEEM PRESSED FOR
TIME. HE SEEMED TO TAKE OUR INITIATIVE AS A FAIT
ACCOMPLI AND RAISED NO OBJECTIONS TO OUR PROCEEDING.
HE NEVER SAID HE WOULD SUPPORT OUR CASE, BUT HE IS
PLEASED WITH HIS USE OF "WISEMEN" SO FAR, AND THIS
TREND MAY HAVE USEFUL POSSIBILITIES.
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